

The Shirk of *Democracy*

"...Legislation is for none but Allah. He has commanded that you worship none except Him. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know." [Quran 12:40]

Insha'Allah this advice is to you, the sincere Muslim. I am advising you, that for the sake of Allah, you should reject democracy and refrain from voting in the next democratic election.

Democracy is a man-made system, which gives sovereignty to man rather than Allah. It is contrary to Islam because the rule is for Allah, the all Knowing, and it is not permissible to give legislative rights to any human being, no matter who they are or how many people voted for them.

Allah has claimed the sole right to Legislate. If a man chooses to take that right or give it to someone else then he has associated a partner with Allah and this is major shirk.

When you vote you are choosing which person you want to legislate on your behalf. This is major shirk which expels the voter from the fold of Islam and makes them a disbeliever.

No scholar has said it is halal to elect someone to implement other than Islam; they are in unanimous agreement that it is haram. Those that say it is permissible here and now, offer exceptions to the rule. Please read the reverse side of this leaflet which looks into each of these excuses and why they are incorrect.

Remember on election day, that we should fear Allah, obey Him and trust in Him, rather than fall into shirk which is the greatest evil that Allah has promised never to forgive (without repentance).

"Indeed, Allah does not forgive shirk, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others with Allah has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin." [Quran 4:48]

Lesser of Two Evils

The primary condition for this principle is that there must be absolutely no halal option. This does not apply since there is one completely halal option, simply not to vote at all. After all, what evil is worse than shirk?

Aims of the Shariah

The classical scholars discussed that Islam aims to protect specific aspects of our lives including the deen, the self, the mind, lineage and wealth. These cannot be used to override the Legislation made by Allah because Allah is the all-Knowing and men are flawed. He is the one who Legislated based on His Wisdom and He knows best what fulfills His aims.

Shura (Consultation)

Shura is a sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ) where a decision is made after consulting the people within the society. It was employed by the sahaba to choose Uthman RA as the 3rd khalifah. It can only be applied where the options are halal, so cannot be used to choose a leader who will rule by man-made law rather than shariah, nor can the leader be a disbeliever. Also only the knowledgeable are consulted not every person regardless of intellect or even religion.

Necessity

This principle offers an exception for Muslims to take an action that is normally haram to avert a serious harm. It cannot be applied to voting because it is never applied to shirk. The only excuse given for shirk is in cases of extreme compulsion, such as immediate threat to your life, torture or according to some scholars long term imprisonment. If there is any other way to avert the harm that must be taken (e.g. to make hijrah to somewhere safer).